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ANGLO-AMERICAN PROVISION AGAINST TRUCE VIOLATION

Washington, Jan. 17.

Britain and the United States have agreed that, if the Chinese Reds agree to a Korean truce and then break it, United Nations forces will immediately blast military targets on the Chinese mainland.

This was disclosed by authoritative British and American sources who said, however, that air and naval action in the event of a broken truce would be only against "strategic military targets" in China and would not include "saturation" bombing.

British sources said final agreement on this course of action was reached in the talks between Mr. Winston Churchill and President Truman, but earlier Anglo-American discussions on the subject had been in process for several weeks.

This threat of retaliation was what Mr. Churchill had in mind when he told Congress: "If the truce we seek is reached only to be broken, our response will be prompt, resolute and effective."

The British refused to agree to an American suggestion that a "blockade" of the China coast also be undertaken if the truce were broken.

Mr. Churchill and his advisers said they thought it would be necessary, if an effective blockade were to be maintained, to cut off Soviet Siberia too, and this was not a wise or practical move at this time.

For that reason, the Americans gave up their insistence upon that point, in order to secure British acceptance of other points. The Anglo-American position puts Communist China on notice that while devastation of Manchurian supply depots, railway yards and military communications with China proper will follow any violation of the truce which is now under process of negotiation, whether the British and Americans agreed on a similar manifesto to Red China warning them against attacking Southeast Asia was not yet known.—United Press.

Egyptian Prisoners Still Held

Cairo, Jan. 17.

A British joint services communiqué today said quiet prevailed in the troubled area of Tel-el-Kebir.

It said four Egyptian police officers, 117 policemen and 13 civilians taken into custody on Wednesday were still being detained for interrogation. It revealed that Egyptian arms confiscated included 155 rifles, two Sten guns, three pistols and several boxes of ammunition.

The Egyptian Government told the British Embassy tonight that in future British Embassy cars will not be allowed to travel between Cairo and the Suez Canal zone.

As a result the British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Ralph Stevenson, or other members of the Embassy will be unable to go to the canal area to visit British military commands.

Well informed quarters stated that the Egyptian Government also intends to forbid the British Embassy to use its radio transmitter with which it communicates directly with the British headquarters at Fayid on the edge of the Suez Canal.—France-Press.

Churchill-Truman Plan On Atomic Energy

Washington, Jan. 17.

President Truman and Mr. Winston Churchill have agreed to let scientific experts "explore" exchange of atomic energy information between the United States and Britain.

Informed sources said the agreement was the first of a series of steps intended to lead to closer atomic energy liaison between the two countries.

It was emphasized that the President did not agree to hand over atomic energy information to Britain at this time.

Under the Truman-Churchill understanding, it was said, American and British scientists would consult on such exchanges as permitted. These would have to be unanimously approved by the Atomic Energy Commission, also the National Security Council, the President, and the House and Senate Atomic Energy Committee.—United Press.

Drama Trio Link Hands



The three leading figures in the most thrilling peacetime sea drama for years linking hands at Falmouth at the civic reception given to Captain Kurt Carlsen (centre) of the Flying Enterprise, Kenneth Dancy (left) and Captain Dan Parker of the Turmoil. Captain Carlsen has arrived back in New York and changed his plans at the last moment yesterday and decided to ride instead of walk up New York's "Canyon of Heroes" (Reuterphoto).

British Quest For High Attributes In Malaya Choice

London, Jan. 17.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, said today that the man the British Government really wanted as High Commissioner in Malaya was a civilian with thorough knowledge and experience of military and police problems or a military leader with enlightened outlook.

Addressing the Commonwealth Correspondents Association, Mr. Lyttelton said combination of the two attributes in the former alternative was possible under Gurney and Gimson, but now the only alternative which seemed practicable was the second and "Sir Gerald Temple was the man most fitted for it."

Mr. Lyttelton said that Commissioner-General Malcolm MacDonald's functions were diplomatic and not executive, and he stressed that Mr. MacDonald had performed a great public service in the diplomatic field.

Mr. Lyttelton however stated he could not indicate the

Hailstones Stop The Talk

Paris, Jan. 17.

A sudden, short hail storm, accompanied by sharp lightning, interrupted work in four United Nations committees today. Delegates were forced to suspend talking for five to ten minutes until the hail stopped. Hailstones beat on skylights and made so much noise the delegates could not be heard.—Associated Press.

AMERICA DENIES PRESSURE

Washington, Jan. 17.

A State Department spokesman said today that Japan's announced decision to deal with Nationalist China rather than Red China was based on self-interest and was not the result of American pressure.

A London Foreign Office spokesman earlier indicated that Britain considered the action to be due to American pressure for a statement to reassure Congress.

The Department spokesman said the decision was Japan's alone.

The Department also made public John Foster Dulles' reply to the Japanese Prime Minister, in which Dulles expressed thanks for the "courageous and forthright manner" in which Yoshida faced the China recognition controversy.

"This clear statement," Dulles said, "should dispel any misapprehensions which, as you suggest, may have arisen from the statements, separated from their context and background, made during the course of debate in Japan on ratification of the peace treaty and the United States-Japan security agreement."—Associated Press.

Quirino War On Corruption

Manila, Jan. 18.

The formation of a corps of 100 "graft busters" in the government to implement President Elpidio Quirino's "clean-up" policy was approved in principle by Lower House leaders yesterday.

The plan is designed to render more effective efforts in maintaining honesty in the government service and punish erring officials and employees. It would give private citizens just and speedy remedy unhampered by imposition of red-tape and political considerations, legislative committee said.

New Storm Threatening California

San Francisco, Jan. 17.

The black mass of a new storm front rolled toward Northern California today, threatening more rain and snow for areas already flooded and snowbound.

A five-day storm already has (1) isolated towns, (2) stranded the Southern Pacific steamship City of San Francisco, whose 228 passengers and crew were rescued late yesterday and brought here today, (3) disrupted transport and communications and, (4) sent hundreds of lowland residents from flooded homes.

Portola, California, railroad and lumber town of 4,000, high in the Sierra, was isolated and in a critical condition until a Western Pacific emergency train bored in with medical supplies yesterday.

At least 13 deaths have been attributed to the storm and millions of dollars of property has been destroyed.—Associated Press.

STOP PRESS

HMS Alert which is proceeding to the aid of the s.s. Falkenstein, grounded on the Paracels in the South China Sea, was sighted today at 11.30 a.m. within six miles of the main of the wreck.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Much Needed Reform

ONE of the major problems confronting the American, British and Canadian statesmen in their talks in Washington and Ottawa was the very necessary and long overdue reorganization of the cumbersome machinery of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. It has long been obvious that drastic reform of NATO was a prerequisite to successful conduct of European defence plans; the organisation was unwieldy at its conception, and the passage of time has only added to the numerous committees into which the NATO is divided, leading to overlapping functions, and consequent inefficiency, on a multitude of problems ranging from social services to defence. As at present constituted, NATO is composed of five main organs, all of which are sub-divided into numerous committees. The Atlantic Council is the supreme executive body; it includes Foreign Ministers, Finance Ministers and Defence Ministers but does not sit continuously. Subsidiary to the Council is the Council of Deputies, the working organ of NATO, consisting of representatives of 12 nations in permanent session in London. The military organs comprise three committees—the Chiefs of Staff Committee in Washington; a permanent working group of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, also in Washington; and finally the Supreme Headquarters under General Eisenhower in Europe. Dealing with economic matters are two

committees—a Defence Production Board, in Paris, and the Social Committee, in Paris. This conglomeration has been added to recently by a new committee the functions of which are to reconcile the needs of defence with the economies of the participating countries. The net result has been considerable confusion and a retarding of the aims of NATO. It is the aim of the Truman-Churchill-St. Laurent plan to streamline the organisation and increase its efficiency. Chief point in the proposed scheme is the setting up of a high-level council, modelled on the lines of the United Nations, with each country providing one representative, this council would be in permanent session and so be able to take immediate decisions to meet any crisis that might arise. It would replace the Atlantic Council and the Council of Deputies. Another reform would be the appointment of a "political Eisenhower" to co-ordinate and direct the activities of the economic and financial organs. An essential feature of the new structure would be the concentration of the entire NATO in one city. The plan is to be presented to the North Atlantic Council's meeting next month in Lisbon. It is to be hoped that the bickerings that have marked so much of the proceedings connected with European defence give way on this occasion to immediate action on a much-needed reform.

NO MERIT IN PLASTIC BROTH!

Ottawa, Jan. 17.

The Army said today it was sorry but there were no edible buttons in the Quartermaster's stores. The spokesman insisted that the buttons on Canadian Army parkas issued to soldiers fighting in Korea could not be made into nutritious broth as reported from Korea.

This report came after it was announced that 650 Canadian parkas had been issued to British troops who were short of winter clothing in the war theatre.

According to the report, the Canadian Quartermaster General had thoughtfully provided the parkas with buttons which were "packed" with vitamins and which could be torn off and made into healthful soup in an emergency.

"That's the best I have heard in a long time," said the officer at the Quartermaster General's office.

A Tokyo report said that some soldiers had tasted the buttons and had found them awful. The officer said, "That's understandable. They are made of tough plastic."—United Press.

Treasure Hunt To Begin Again

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 17.

Search will begin again soon for treasure, believed to have been buried by Sir Francis Drake on the island of Juan Fernandez in the Pacific (commonly known as "Robinson Crusoe's Island").

The hunt was started last year by three Chileans, Luis Cousin, Benjamin Lyon and Luis Scott, and interrupted by the rainy season.

They believe the treasure consists of 150 boxes of gold coins, 20 barrels of precious stones and 700 gold ingots.—Reuter.

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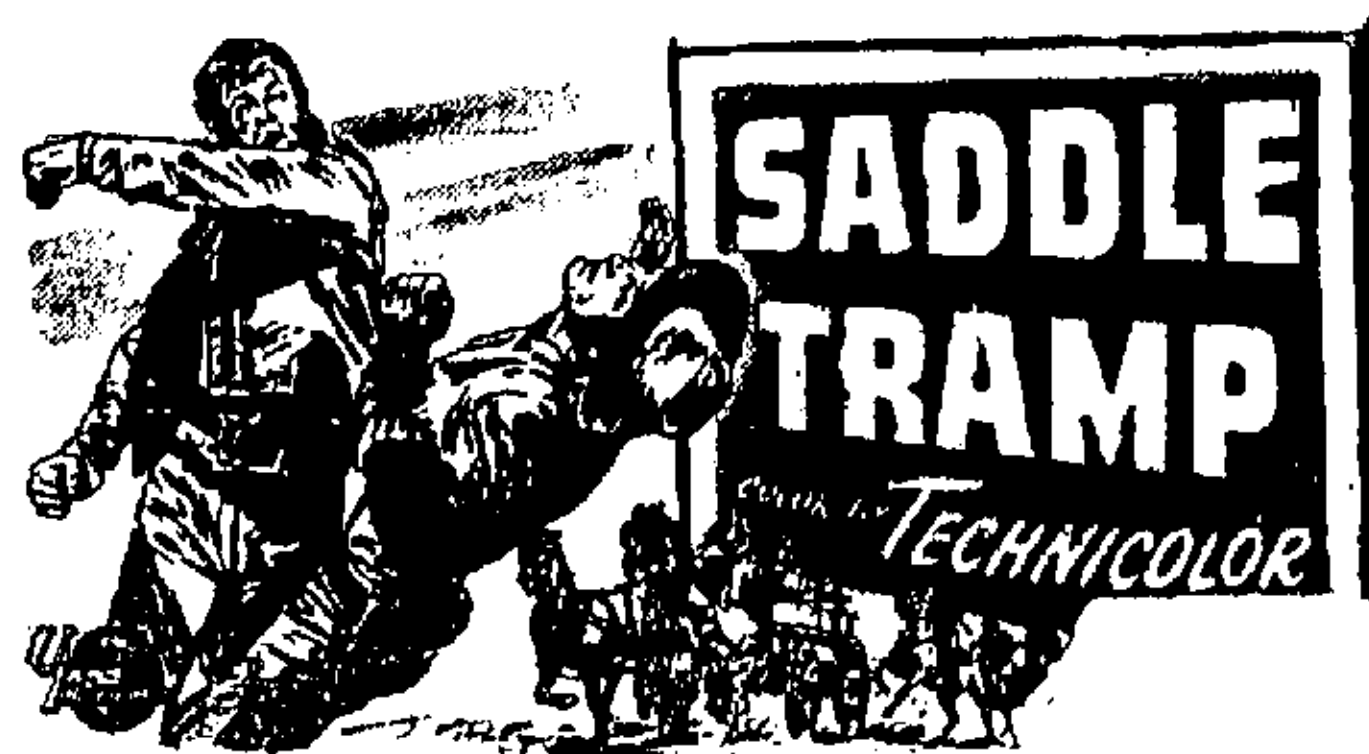
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Political Committee Throws Out Russian Draft Resolution

Paris, Jan. 17.

The United Nations' Political Committee today rejected a Soviet eight-point draft resolution entitled "measures to combat the threat of a third world war and to strengthen peace and friendship among the nations."

Funds Voted For Relief In Korea

Paris, Jan. 17.

The United Nations' Advisory Committee today announced that it had approved \$250,000,000 credits for the relief and rehabilitation of Korea during the first year of United Nations' Korean reconstruction operations.

Members of the Committee include India, Britain, the United States, Canada and Uruguay.

The one-year programme provides for meeting the basic needs of the Korean people in way of food, clothing, medical care and shelter in the post-hostility period, as well as for a start on rehabilitation in such fields as housing, public health, education and public welfare facilities.

The Committee also said that in developing the programme, "special attention has been devoted to the serious problem of inflation in Korea and to methods of bringing it under control."

It added that until now pledges have been attached to the requested sum but the Committee felt "that the programme had now reached the stage where member states should make an effort to meet their pledges."—France-Press.

Point One declared the participation in the Atlantic bloc and creation by certain states, mainly the United States, of military naval and air bases in foreign territories incompatible with membership of the United Nations.

This point was rejected by 46 votes to five, with seven abstentions.

The Committee further rejected Point Two, suggesting that countries taking part in the Korean war should immediately end military operations, conclude an armistice and withdraw their forces from the 38th Parallel within a period of 10 days.

The proposal was rejected by 42 votes to five, with 12 abstentions.

By 63 votes in favour, five against and two abstentions, the Political Committee adopted a joint draft resolution by France, Britain and the United States, as amended by Bolivia, to refer paragraphs three to seven of the Soviet proposals to the new Disarmament Commission.

Those voting against were Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, the Ukraine and the Soviet Union. Argentina and India abstained.

The Committee then rejected paragraphs one, two and eight of the Soviet proposals.

Paragraphs three to seven were not put to the vote as they had been referred to the Disarmament Commission.

The Committee will meet again tomorrow to take up the item on the admission of new members sponsored by Peru, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras.

The general debate on the Soviet item completed this afternoon took five days. It had begun on January 12. A total of 27 delegations participated in the general debate.—France-Press.

Eisenhower Trip Home Unlikely

Rocquencourt, France, Jan. 17.

General Dwight Eisenhower, possible Republican presidential candidate, said today that he had "no real expectations" of being able to accept the invitation to speak in Indiana in March.

Mr. L. A. Lukenbill, spokesman for the American Society of Training Directors, had earlier said in Indianapolis that his group had booked General Eisenhower for a night address on March 12 at the Society's eighth annual conference in French Lick, Indiana.

Mr. Lukenbill's announcement had lent weight to predictions that the commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation would return to the United States this Spring as his friends pushed the campaign to win for him the Republican presidential nomination.

BUILDING DEFENCE

A SHAPE spokesman today released the following statement:

"General Eisenhower did receive an invitation from Mr. L. A. Lukenbill of the American Society of Training Directors to speak in November, but he explained at the time that he had no real expectation of being able to attend."

The spokesman refused to say specifically whether General Eisenhower would make a trip home soon.

Belgian sources said it was unlikely that General Eisenhower would visit the United States for some time because of the task of building European defence.—United Press.

Heligoland About To Be Handed Back

London, Jan. 17.

The British Government is ready to hand over the RAF testing ground of Heligoland to the West German authorities in exchange for another testing ground, probably off Guxhaven, also in the North Sea, it was reliably reported here today.

Authoritative sources indicated that the former German naval base of Heligoland, which has served as a target for British bombers ever since the end of World War II, would be returned to the Federal authorities on March 1, 1952.

The sources said negotiations between the British and German Federal Governments concerning Heligoland and finding of another base were near agreement.

They indicated this other base might be "Gross Knechtsteden," a sand shoal near Cuxhaven North, east of Hamburg.—France-Press.

Bataan Leaves For Korea

Darwin, Jan. 17.

The Australian destroyer Bataan left Australian waters today for the Korean zone to begin her second tour of duty there.—Reuter.

EPIPHANY CUSTOM



The annual Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated in Italy, and this point-duty policeman has a fine collection of gifts for the city police forces, handed to him by passing motorists. It is an old custom. (London Express Service).

Move To Abolish Sale Of Women

Belgrade, Jan. 17.

A campaign to abolish the sale and purchase of women, customary among the Moslem Shiptars, an Albanian minority, in the Yugoslav province of Kosmet, has been launched by the local authorities there.

A girl is a source of income for her father in that province, and remains a dream for a boy unless he has 100,000 or even 150,000 dinars.

Because many of them have not got that much money, many young Shiptars remain unmarried, while rich old men take two or even three young wives.

The purchase of the wife-to-be is usually carried out through a "mist," or mediator, who first charges the groom's father a certain sum of money for his services and then asks for further gifts for the girl's uncle, brothers and other relatives.

Expenses start with the engagement and continue for several years after the wedding, for the girl is usually very young at the time of her betrothal.

There have been cases of girls being betrothed to men of 30 as soon as they learn how to walk, and even before.

In the Rotovo village, parents arranged for the betrothal of two eight-year-old daughters, Tina and Mone. After the ceremony, they stopped them from going to primary school and locked them up in the house, for custom says they "grow quicker" that way.

Ahmet Bokshija, an old man of 80, brought a 16-year-old girl to his house, although he already had two wives. Sometimes, grown-up girls are "married" to boys who are still playing in the mud. Recently, Bari Sulji "married" his 12-year-old son to a girl of 18. She is mature and healthy, while her "husband" is still going to prep school.—Reuter.

MOST-MARRYING NATION

Belgrade, Jan. 17.

Yugoslavia has joined the United States as one of the most-marrying nations in the world.

Official statistics published here show that since the war marriages in Yugoslavia have averaged 180,000 a year—equivalent to 510 a day, or 51 an hour.

Although, with the Communist Government in power, it is far easier to obtain a divorce

here than it was before the war, less than one-tenth of all married couples do in fact do so.

Yugoslav women go in for numbers of children. One woman in every 18 has given birth to up to 10 or more children, while of the total female population over 14 years of age, 62 per cent have given birth to at least one child.

It is estimated that the population of Yugoslavia, which is now slightly over 16,000,000, will reach 18,500,000 by 1960.

There are more women than men in Yugoslavia today. This is partly due to the ravages of war, and partly to the fact that though more boys are born than girls, the death rate among men is higher than among women.—Reuter.

PAKISTAN DENIAL

Karachi, Jan. 17.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman today gave an indirect denial to the report that Pakistan was about to recognise King Farouk as the King of Egypt and Sudan.

He told the Press today that the question of new credentials to King Farouk did not arise since the present ambassador to Egypt, Haji Sattar Ishaque, now in Karachi, would return shortly to Cairo.

Newspapers here reported that a new ambassador to Egypt would be appointed and that credentials would be offered to the King of Egypt and Sudan.—France-Press.

CEYLON RUBBER FOR REDS

Colombo, Jan. 17.

The Polish freighter Tobruck is due here on Saturday to pick up Ceylon's second shipment of rubber, comprising 450 tons for Communist China.

The Ceylon Government was reported here to be not yet considering any change of policy on exporting rubber to China.—Reuter.

Japan Move Gives Hope Of Peace

New York, Jan. 17.

A Scripps-Howard newspapers' editorial said today that "Premier Yoshida's forthright declaration that Japan has no intention of signing a peace and trade treaty with Red China, but does stand ready to sign such a treaty with the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa, is the most encouraging development in Asia in many months."

The editorial said that the world was in its present predicament largely because the balance of power had been destroyed in Europe and Asia by the destruction of Germany and Japan as military powers.

"Hitler's elimination and the confinement of Japan's imperialistic designs were essential," the editorial continued. "But Russia moved into the vacuum thus created, and now poses a threat to civilisation infinitely more dangerous than that of the Axis because of the vast concentration of power the Soviet Union represents."

LIVE AND LET LIVE

"If committed to live and let live policies, Germany and Japan can do much to restore the world equilibrium when they resume their former places as world powers. And their resumption of those positions is inevitable because they have latent potentials which cannot be denied."

"The vital question to the world's independent nations is whether Germany and Japan will cast their lot with them or with the Kremlin. Premier Yoshida has declared himself on the issue by denouncing the Moscow-Peking mutual assistance treaty of 1950 as a 'military alliance' aimed against his country."

"By extending a hand of friendship to Nationalist China the Japanese Premier also pointed towards the eventual alliance of all of the Asian forces opposed to Moscow-directed Communism."

"American and British statesmanship should join hands for the consummation of this design because it offers the best hope for peace in the Pacific."—United Press.

Arab Relief Discussion Deferred

Paris, Jan. 17.

Western and Arab representatives agreed here today to defer the discussion of a four-power resolution calling for a three-year \$250,000,000 relief and rehabilitation programme for Palestine Arab refugees.

The proposal, sponsored by the United States, Britain, France and Turkey, incurred Arab disapproval on the grounds that its reference to Middle Eastern States infringed on the sovereignty of their governments.

Efforts to iron out the differences over the wording of the resolution have so far remained unsuccessful.—United Press.

Oil Workers On Strike

Rangoon, Jan. 17.

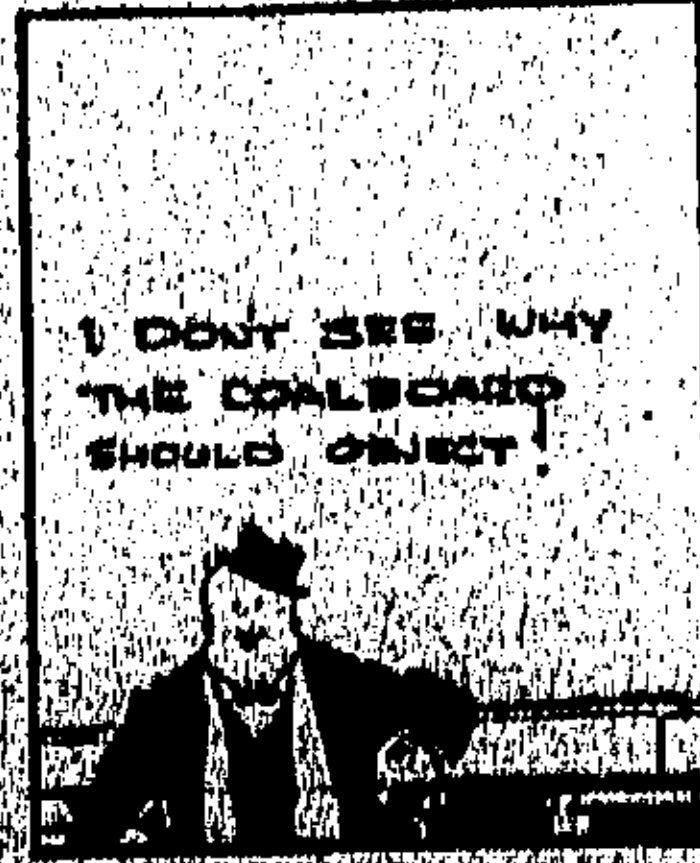
A total of 2,500 employees of the Burmah Oil Company struck work today for increased cost of living and house allowances.

The strike hit two of the Company's establishments outside Rangoon and also the firm's aviation fuelling centre at Rangoon airport. The oil producing town of Chauk, Central Burma, was not affected.

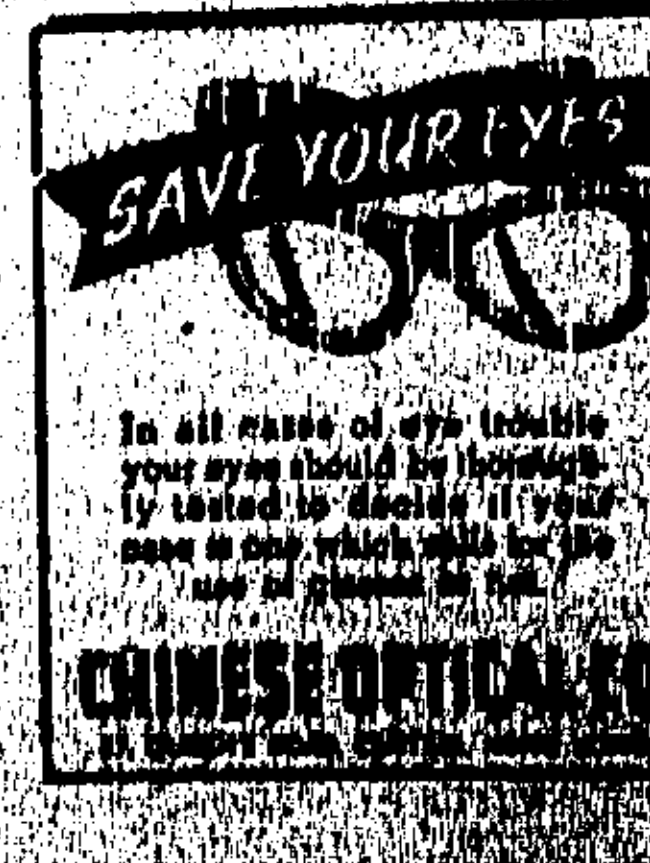
Aircraft calling at Rangoon airport to refuel were delayed.

The strike came after efforts by the Labour Conciliation Board had failed to bring about an agreement between the management and the workers.—Reuter.

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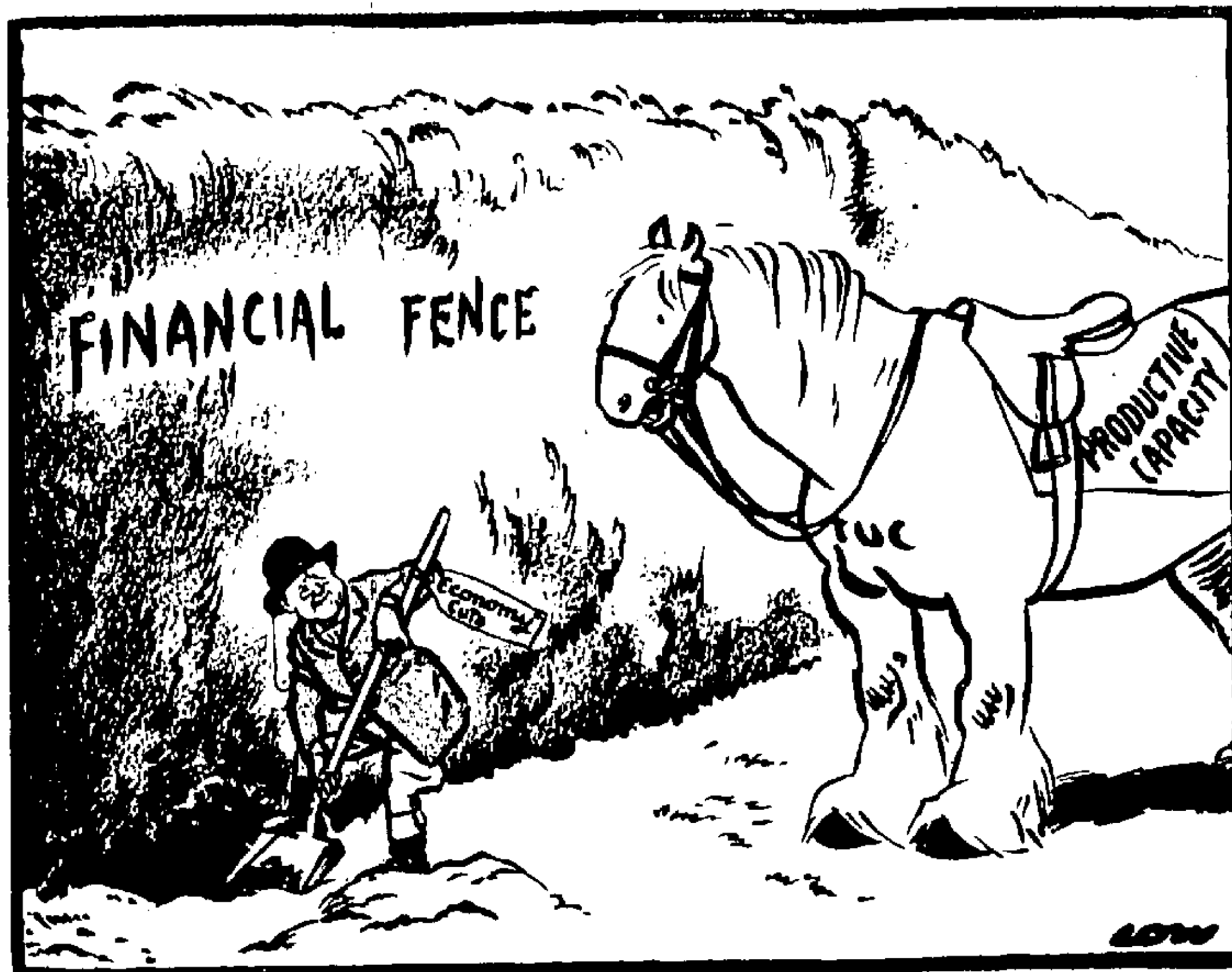
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HOW CALMLY WE SAIL THROUGH SUEZ!

★ From the liner *Orcades* **PETER DUFFIELD**
sends a report on the Suez Canal—'still triumphantly, tranquilly open for business.'

WHATEVER news-bulletin General Erskine issues from his headquarters on the west bank of the Suez Canal today—count on one thing standing consistently clear.

The Suez Canal itself—the 83-year-old 157,000,000 waterway which a Jet Age has failed to reduce as the major passenger-and-cargo link between Britain and more than half her Commonwealth—lies wide tranquilly and triumphantly open.

This transcendent fact is almost obscured by the Egyptian Government's sponsored campaign showing a 44 per cent. increase in the number of ships passing through the Canal in 1951 over the corresponding period of 1950.

The Canal is open for business. And that business is shipping.

We are aboard the *Orcades*, one of the 83-year-old 157,000,000 waterway which a Jet Age has failed to reduce as the major passenger-and-cargo link between Britain and more than half her Commonwealth—lies wide tranquilly and triumphantly open.

She has so far taken us through a rolling, rocky Bay of Biscay, a pre-Christmas cloud-lust in Gibraltar, a wintry Christmas in Naples and a Mediterranean sea generally grey that Groucho's gag-writer would probably write of it: "The old grey mare nostrum she ain't what she used to be."

Then we came to Port Said, Mediterranean entrance to the Canal. To anyone familiar with "peace-time" (or pre-Anglo-Egyptian crisis-time) passages through the Suez Canal, Port Said today marks the beginning of an austerity canal voyage.

It is an austerity that affects the passengers only slightly; the Egyptians enormously.

"Doing" Port Said

LESS than six months ago there were two methods of "doing" Port Said. One was to walk ashore, see the sights, visit the cabarets, comb the waterfront shops. The other, to stay aboard and hang over the ship's rail, shouting and haggling with swarms of Egyptian boatmen manning junkies laden with coloured pouffes, carved elephants, fancy handbags, myriads of sandals, watches, fountain pens, turbans, shirts, wallets, purses, and pyramid-engraved leather-work so dear to the tourist heart and so essential to Egyptian economy.

Today there is no "doing" Port Said. The passenger-liners no longer tie-up at the main waterfront. British passengers no longer go ashore.

We hung expectantly over the ship's rails as we glided into sight of town.

A humber rowed out to meet us. The three dusky Egyptians manning the small craft stared up at our huge all-white liner, our single yellow funnel.

"Hello, Mrs. McTherson," bellowed one Egyptian "how much for the ship?"

We were not in a sellers' but a buyers' market.

Shutters drawn

AS we dreamed moodily of toothy, tusky elephants made of plastic and sold as ivory, of love potions in powder form, of someone's sister being offered in provisional marriage, and of the financial collapse that must await the "fifty picture" industry we did just the famous waterfront of the port town. Simon Arz, the teatime dream-department store (where I once watched an Australian holiday-maker spend £3,000 in a single Saturday morning) had green shutters drawn tightly over its windows. So had the majority of shops on the esplanade. The Egyptian boatmen start a buyers' market.

The days of Port Said, the duty-free, "Welcome Stranger" come-hither town, were surely numbered.

And so to No. 1 oiling berth, just inside the canal itself, where because no Egyptian labour was available Royal Navy men came to help unload 795 bags of Service mail, and Egyptian police, polite and docile, to escort our one passenger disembarking in Egypt.

The fighters

THEN, the 100-mile trip through the Canal itself.

High on *Orcades*'s foremast we flew the Egyptian flag, three white stars and a white crescent moon on solid green. On our bridge was a French and later a British pilot. Instructions were signalled to us for our place in the Suez convoy, as tradition has it, in French.

But it was Britain, Britain all the way.

All day long small but significant symbols of British strength in the Canal Zone were in evidence. The scream of the occasional jet-fighter filtered through our portholes.

As we moved from the Great Bitter Lake into the last long stretch of the Canal, our 23,000-ton ship was "escorted" all the way to Suez by two three-quarter-ton armoured cars, the first bearing two men, the second three men of the Royal Armoured Corps. Like an enormously magnified punt moving in a Thames lock, we carried on a shouting match with them from our ship-to-shore distance of fifty yards. Every mile or two groups of British Service-

men, mostly paratroopers, gave us excited waves or the wolf-whistle to our prettier blondes.

"Poor blokes," commented one Australian passenger returning from his Festival of Britain, "with all their cities whisked away from them."

Just routine

WITH the faintest swish through the sluggish waters of the Canal, the *Orcades* glided on into the Red Sea.

Ships' officers describe the journey as completely routine for this period. The harbour, health and police services of the Egyptians are as normal. Main difference with past trips is lack of Egyptian labour.

The only special anti-sabotage precaution taken: the closing of lower portholes. No blacking out, no firearms issued.

We leave a Canal where the vital bank is safe in British hands, and serene for the shipping of all nations. Where long lines of Nissen huts and the individual pyramids of British tents lay quietly in the winter sun, where the Egyptian Army lies impotently half on one side of the Canal, half on the other.

And slightly shamefacedly we leave the groups of British soldiers shouting as most soldiers shout: "You lucky people. Half your luck—civilians."

Collie Knox, in Hollywood Meets Its Greatest Star Mr Chaplin Offered Me a Part!

I WAS chatting to Bing Crosby at Paramount Studios when he took my arm and said: "Who is that fellow coming towards us? I know his face."

"That," I replied, "is James Mason" and went towards him.

"I've never met Bing Crosby," said Mason, "accounted for the first shooting of the film 'Bentley Ray' in which he co-stars with Alan Ladd. 'Do introduce me.'"

Somewhat bewildered, I did so. "How-are-you," drawled Crosby. "Seen you in pictures, of course."

"Delighted," replied Mason.

"Both relaxed into emotion," I said, "and silence like a couple of schoolboys. And I departed to fortify my shattered nerves with a stiff drink."

Christmas in Hollywood did not feel like Christmas. Maybe the occasion is too real for such an outpost of unreality. But I had my seasonal stocking on that within three hours I talked with Charlie Chaplin at his own studios for 20 minutes, watched him direct the first scene ever shot between him and his good looking, six-foot-two, 24-year-old son Syd, and was offered by Chaplin a part in this self-same film, "Limelight."

He regarded me quizzically out of his brilliant blue eyes. "Ever been offered a part in pictures?" he asked. "You might not photograph too badly. I'll give you two more scenes in the film of Ensign Tatum in Leicester Square. If you join the union, of course. What about it?"

As this was a scheduled for two weeks I had, the details of his pictures a deep secret, and, moreover, not to be mad about newspaper men, he set Chaplin stopped a rehearsal to talk to me.

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Very homesick

THOUGH he's white-haired, these remarkable blue eyes, lithe figure, and air of nervous intensity give the lie to his 62 years. He was dressed for his role of a broken-down music-hall actor.

He spoke in a soft, very English voice as he told me he had taken two years to write this film and that, apart from acting in it and directing it, he had composed all the music, scored it and written the lyrics.

"When I stand on this set of the old Criterion bar—wonderful, isn't it?—I grow very homesick for England. I would like nothing better than to have the premiere in London and to come over for it. Tell me about London."

I told him. Eagerly he plied me with questions. Then springing up and said: "Must go through this scene again."

I watched him rehearse the scene seven times. His passion for detail is incredible. As the old busker, he goes round the bar holding out his hat for money. He reaches a bench on which are sitting an elderly music-hall manager, played by Nigel Bruce, and a young soldier in khaki, played by his son.

The soldier has to look up, recognise the busker, and go into his dialogue. Chaplin took his son again and again through the scene with infinite patience but tireless insistence. At last he was satisfied and said: "That's fine. Now we'll do it all again, and then shoot it."

After perfection

IT was magical how Chaplin stepped into the skin of the busker and drew it over him. His most moving speech to the soldier ended. "Time is the great author. It always writes the perfect ending." I sat everyone in the studio, was near to tears when Chaplin fluffed on the final word.

Up he leaped, unexpectedly exclaimed "Oh, nuts!" and, instead of reshooting the last minute of the scene, went through it again.

"You are certainly a perfectionist," I said to him when he rejoined me.

"I am a technician," he replied. "I always have been."



YES, THIS IS CHAPLIN

That is how I shoot all my pictures.

He told me he is delighted with his leading lady, Clare Bloom. "She has a very rare quality," he said. "I think she will be a great success. Do go and see her. Give London my love. Remember the last time I was there and the traffic was held up in Piccadilly? But you are too young to remember."

Before I could tell him I did and wasn't he had vanished into his portable dressing-room.

I was eager to see Clare Bloom, for when she was unknown I had praised her performance in a radio play. She plays the part of a young ballroom dancer whom Chaplin loves—in vain—and saves from suicide.

I strolled with her into the sunshine. She is young, appealing, and bewitched by her sudden engagement for a film that may make her a world star. "A friend told me in London," she said, "that Mr Chaplin was interested in me to play opposite him in 'Limelight,' and that I should see his agent. I thought it was a joke, and did nothing about it for three weeks. The mere thought makes me go hot and cold."

Hollywood's way

WELL, what is the way in Hollywood. To-day you are not, tomorrow you are. The day after, perhaps, you are not again. Every director with whom I have spoken has 'implied' me to do all I can to stop British actors and actresses coming to Hollywood "on spec." Rarley does it lead to anything but disappointment.

But Bryan Forbes, the admirable young actor who came out without any job to join his wife, Constance Smith, who was under contract, is doing all right.

Hollywood likes to discover people. It recruits largely from the New York stage. A good notice in a Broadway success and you are half-way to Hollywood.

Little Audrey Hepburn, who is such a hit in "Gigi," has already got a big Paramount contract. Alan Webb, whose witty performance made "Nina" endurable, was flown for a test to Hollywood the first Sunday after the play opened, and back on the Monday.

It is usually when the thought of acting never enters your head, or you are in another profession altogether, that you are offered a part in his own picture by Mr Charles Chaplin. Even though more in sorrow than in anger.



BEST DRESSED POLITICIAN? IT'S A PLOT

SAYS DAVID ECCLES

BRITAIN'S best-dressed politician is Mr David Eccles, 47-year-old Minister of Works. And the Cabinet is the best-dressed Britain has had for many a year. So says Cloth and Clothes, tailors' trade journal.

Mr Eccles heard the news at his home in Andover. He said: "It's a plot by the tailors to make me buy another suit."

He thought awhile. Then added: "I know why I have been chosen. It's because most tailors are wealthy and have television sets."

"They have seen me in the programme 'In the News.' I was with Michael Foot. Any one would look well-dressed beside Foot. He goes in for rough clothes, you know, 'he-man stuff.'"

Mr Anthony Eden has been regarded as a model of what the well-dressed politician should look like. But now, says the journal, the style jacket is definitely hit by Mr Eccles.

BAGGY CORDUROY

Mr Eccles looked at the corduroy trousers he was wearing. They were old and baggy. They had holes. He said: "I suppose all my colleagues will laugh now."

how many suits her husband owned.

But she was able to say that he didn't own many. The suits he did own were of the Sunday best or Downing Street variety, country suits, and a number: "which are really too old, even for the country."

Said Mrs Eccles: "He's very neat really. But if he doesn't put his trousers in the press no one else does."

He usually remembers to use a clothes brush. He is easy on socks. His shoes get to the repellers in plenty of time.

ADVICE

Mr Eccles gave advice to the struggling young politician. I was: "Go to the best tailor. A few good suits are better than a lot of cheap ones. That goes for everything in life."

And here is what Cloth and Clothes said of Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Colonial Secretary: "A style-conscious man."

General Lord Ismay, Commonwealth Relations Secretary: "His suit shows a soldierly hankering for the unostentatious."

Lord Cherwell, Paymaster-General: "His ensemble fairly screams—a business man." There was one black mark. It went to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R.A. Butler. He had no "best-pocket-handkerchief."

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SPRINGBOKS SET THE SEAL TO THEIR SUPREMACY IN THE WORLD OF RUGBY

By PETER DITTON

The Springboks' narrow but limited victory over England at Twickenham, close on the heels of their successes at Murrayfield, Dublin and Cardiff, has set the seal on South Africa's claim to be the World's Champion rugby country.

Just over three years ago they beat New Zealand, their nearest rivals, in all four Tests and the visit of Australia to the Union eighteen months hence is not likely to affect the balance of power.

Indeed, South Africa's supremacy is not likely to be challenged until 1957 when the Springboks are due to tour New Zealand.

For all that, however, it was expected that the Springboks would have been able to secure a more comfortable victory over England at Twickenham. The Springboks had less to spare than had been expected. At Dublin there was only one point in it up to the last quarter of an hour, and Ireland still held a sporting chance when the score stood at 5-9 and rather less than 16 minutes to go they were awarded a penalty kick.

Full back Murphy's kick, however, was a post and bounced away and the tourists then swept them away through triumph opposition, tried by that outstanding forward Van Wyk and centre Van Schoor, one of which was converted by Okey Giffin, giving them a 17-5 margin in the end.

They had to contend with much heavier and unfamiliar ground conditions, in their last two internationals. At the famous Arms Park they found Wales their equals in all phases but kicking and only a dropped goal by Brewis then stand-off half, saw them escape home 13-3 after a desperate struggle.

It was superior kicking again which enabled them to account for a gallant England XV. But this last game did not reach the heights achieved at Cardiff.

Giffin, their proudest 'boot', was not playing at Twickenham, but the Deputy Captain, Hennie Muller, easily converted a brilliant 'blind-side' try by scrum-half Du Toit, and then kicked a penalty goal, the ball glancing off a post.

At the other end, the Gloucestershire full-back, E. G. Hook, included in the side mainly for his reliable place-kicking, had the thin end of the stick when he attempted to convert the opportunistic try of C. E. Winn also hit a post, but bounced out. He also failed with another important penalty.

A draw, however, would have flattered the home country, as South Africa were always the better-balanced side, with the edge in the things that mattered. They had a splendid opening half, but just when they were

expected to consolidate their advantage—as they have done so forcefully in lesser matches—they showed signs of fatigue and staleness, and the England forwards, rallying in heartening style, called the tune in the later stages.

DOMINATING FACTORS

Three factors above all else have contributed to the spectacular run of success of the tourists. Firstly, the weight, power, skill and pace of the pack, which at top gear has been about as formidable a problem as any rugby defence has ever had to contend with.

Then their phenomenally accurate kicking, whether touch-kicking, place and drop-kicking, or those adroit, tactical punts ahead or across to the wings.

And, lastly, the superb combination of Brewis and Du Toit at half-back. The latter was the man of the Twickenham match, untroubled by all the England wing-forwards and his opposite number could devise, and his try was a "classic".

He has had a really strenuous tour, as his understudy, Olofse, was injured nearly two months ago, and he has had to play in every match since. Brewis was humbly grateful at Twickenham, but he had proved himself the brains of the attack in other matches.

What of the home unions? Their performances give little cause for despondency. It is probably more charitable to omit any mention of the Scottish XV, which was ill-prepared for its task, and which will certainly have learned its lesson in time for the International Championship.

The fiery Irish forwards stayed the course well with short, sharp rushes and superb tackling, while J. W. Kyle, as expected, proved himself once again the best stand-off in Great Britain.

The Welsh pack could not be faulted in scrummaging, mauling and rushing, with Roy John of Neath excelling the tourists in the line-outs and loose, no higher praise could be found.

But the Welsh midfield triangle was strangely ineffective, and long, inaccurate kicks upheld merely played into the hands of Bucher, who established himself as one of the really great full-backs of all time.

And even English heads, weighted down by those wooden spoons of the last two International Championships, have been raised again slightly by the gallantry of their forwards, though the lack of midfield thrust and the generally low standard of kicking are still only too painfully evident.

BERGMANN IN ACTION



Richard Bergmann, four times World Table Tennis Champion, in action at the Metropolitan Open Championships in London. He is a member of the English table tennis team for the Swaythling Cup matches at Bombay next month. — Central Press Photo.

PROGRAMME FOR DANISH SOCCER VISIT ARRANGED

The question of certain individuals publishing a programme in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Danish Akademisk Boldklub soccer team was discussed at an urgent meeting of the Interport Sub-Committee of the Hongkong Football Association yesterday with Mr. C. S. Wang in the chair.

The meeting was informed that advertisements were being sought from different firms for this programme.

It was emphasised by the meeting that the only official programme in the English language was being published by the Association itself and that this programme would not contain any advertisements.

A programme was also being published in the Chinese language with the authority of the Association by Messrs. Liu Pui-lam, Lai Duen-po, Lo Chun-huen and Wong Chi-ping.

KOREAN ENQUIRY

A letter from the Korean Football Association suggesting a visit of a Korean soccer team to Hongkong was read.

It was decided that in view of commitments already entered into, it was not possible to entertain the suggestion at this stage.

The meeting also discussed arrangements in connection with the forthcoming Danish visit and the possibility of arranging a fourth match against the visitors.

The meeting was informed that a cable had been received from the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation agreeing to pay all expenses for the Danish visit to Manila, including visa fees, air passage to and from Manila, board and lodging as well as pocket money from the date of the team's departure from Hongkong and return. This agreement was subject to the

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Singles Matches May Be A Badminton League Feature Next Season

By "ARGONAUT"

Two outstanding features have marked the 1951-1952 Colony Badminton League which is now gradually drawing to its close to give way to the Annual Open Championships.

One is the prominent part played by newly formed clubs, particularly Tyttam, Craignower and the Jaguars.

Although the Senior Mixed Doubles title has already been decided in favour of the Chinese YMCA, and the Men's Senior Division practically won by the same club, the "B" and "C" Divisions have seen the rise of Craignower in the Men's "B" and Junior Mixed Doubles, and of Tyttam, Craignower and Jaguars in the Men's "C" Division.

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT

The other prominent feature of this year's League has been the successful experiment of including singles matches in the Men's Senior Division.

Without any exception, all participants in this Division agree that the miniature Thomas Cup system of playing a League match has been both beneficial in improving the standard, and providing more enjoyment and greater interest during the match.

It is therefore extremely likely that the Association will extend this system to the Men's "B" Division, and probably the "C" Division as well for the next season.

The recent visit of the Malayan Thomas Cup team has undoubtedly done a great deal towards the improvement of the local standard, and specially evident during this year's League matches has been the greater understanding shown by the Colony's younger players in the finer points of the doubles game and of stroke production.

With a team that includes no less than five past and present Colony Champions, the Chinese YMCA are practically assured of retaining their Men's "A" title for another year.

Their remaining match will be against Hongkong University, whom they beat in the first round by seven sets to two. A reverse, which may not be unlikely, may see the two teams end up with a tie in aggregate points and necessitate a replay.

The most creditable performance in this division was perhaps that of Craignower Cricket Club when they extended the holders to 5-4 in their return match.

Both the Craignower singles representatives covered them-

selves with honours—Bill Funk claiming a 15-4 win over the Colony Champion, Ramon Young, and 16-year old Oon Chong Tek accounting for former Champion C. K. Lee by 15-7.

Oon, who is still in school in Malaya and who is only a visiting member of Craignower during his holidays here, displayed a backhand much similar to that of his uncle, Wong Peng-seng, and in his match against Ramon Young was actually leading 10-6 before finally going down by 15-10, through lack of that extra experience.

FURTHER REINFORCED
In the Senior Mixed Doubles, the already formidable Chinese YMCA men were further reinforced by four of the foremost feminine shuttlers in Winnie Cheung, Ullian Khoo, Helen Kwong and Dorothy Lam, and it was not surprising that they won all their four matches with comparative ease.

For the sake of keener competition and greater encouragement to other teams to take part in this Division of the League, it is wondered if more beneficial results cannot be obtained if the Y's will in future make a sporting gesture in splitting up their team of champions, into two teams.

The Men's "B" Division started with Kowloon Tong as the hot favourites. Craignower, however, opened with a 5-4 upset win over the favourites and since then have won all their first round matches, and also their second round return match against Kowloon Tong last night.

The only threat for the Valley Club is now Club de Recreo, who at their full strength can provide the would-be champions with a strong challenge.

A feature of last night's match between Kowloon Tong and Craignower was the first defeat sustained by Craignower's top ranking pair of K. Y. Tam and K. C. Wong, both of whom constitute what is probably the steadiest pair in the Men's Division this season.

The Men's "C" Division sees the two Tyttam teams at the top of either section, with so far an unbeaten record. In Section I, Tyttam's closest rivals will be Recreo "Whites", whom they defeated in the first round by 6-3, and University whom they have not played as yet.

In Section II, Tyttam "B" will have the Jaguars and Craignower to contend with. In their first round matches, Jaguars were without the services of the Pomeroy brothers, but are determined to turn the table in the return encounter, and so also are Craignower Cricket Club who are only just a game behind.

LAST NIGHT'S MATCH

In a Men's "B" Division Badminton match played last night, Craignower beat Kowloon Tong 6-3.
S. Sui and K. C. Ng (CCC) lost to C. Tam and K. C. Wong (Craignower) 21-8, 21-8, 21-8.
K. C. Wong and K. Y. Tam beat Wen and Koo 21-14, 21-8, 21-8.
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HOW THEY STAND

Men's "A" Division

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Chinese YMCA	5	5	0	0	10	10
University	3	2	1	14	13	4
CCC	3	0	2	8	10	0
Recreo	3	0	2	14	13	0

Men's "B" Division

	P	W	L	F	A	P
CCC	4	4	0	25	11	8
Recreo	2	1	1	8	10	2
University	1	0	1	1	3	0
KI Tong	3	0	3	11	16	0

Men's "C" Division

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Tyttam "A"	5	5	0	0	10	10
KI Tong	5	4	1	16	9	8
Rec. "Whites"	4	3	1	27	9	8
University	4	2	2	22	14	4
KCC	5	2	3	12	35	4
KI Books	5	2	3	14	21	2
Nav Bharat	5	0	5	4	50	0

Section II

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Tyttam "B"	5	4	0	40	5	10
Jaguars	5	4	1	32	18	8
CCC	4	5	1	27	9	4
CCMCA	3	0	3	8	29	0
Talkoo	3	1	2	13	29	2
St. John's	5	0	5	9	36	0
Rec. "Blues"	4	0	4	4	24	0

Senior Mixed Doubles

	P	W	L	F	A	P
CCMCA	4	4	0	32	4	8
Recreo	4	3	1	27	9	8
CCC	3	0	3	8	29	0
Junior Mixed Doubles	5	5	0	40	5	10
CCC	2	1	1	8	10	2
CCMCA	3	0	3	8	29	0
Rec. "Whites"	4	3	1	27	9	8
Rec. "Blues"	4	0	4	4	24	0
University	1	0	1	1	3	0

"Attabor" Bowls Match At KBGC On January 28

The annual "Attabor" bowls match will be played at Austin Road on Monday, January 28.

This is an all day game commencing at 11 a.m. with a break for lunch, which will be served on the Club verandah at 1.15 p.m.

Wives and guests may be invited for lunch only. All members who intend to participate are requested to sign the list on the Club notice board or advise the convenor. (Tele. No. 49223) in order that satisfactory arrangements can be prepared.

DETROIT TIGERS' OWNER DEAD

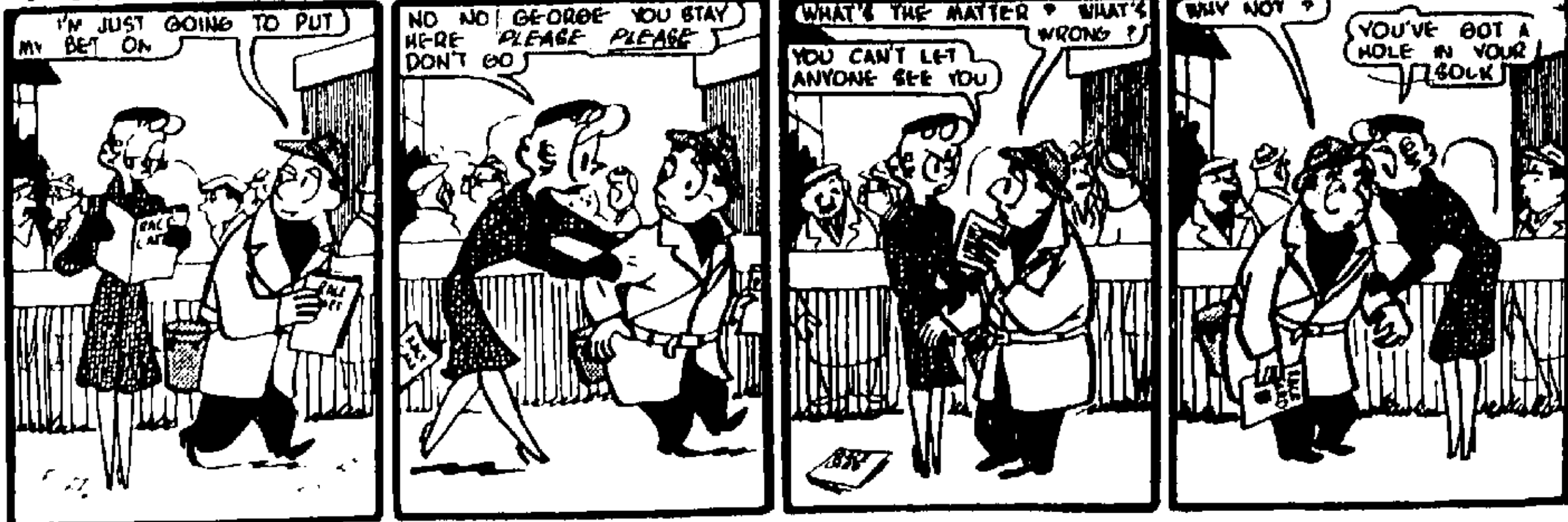
DETROIT, Jan. 17. — Mr. Walter Briggs, 74, wealthy auto parts manufacturer and owner of the Detroit Tigers baseball team, died today at his Miami Beach, Florida, home.

He had been in poor health for several years.—United Press.

SHEKO LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ladies' Championship will be played on Thursday, January 14. Entries can be made either at Sheko or by telegraphing Mrs. Laidler at 11-22 or 11-23.

THE GAMBOLS



Len Hutton's Forecast

Bradford.
Len Hutton, Yorkshire and England opening batsman, forecasts that Yorkshire will beat the Australians in 1953.
"We in Yorkshire have been building a team for the past four or five years. Our aim is to have a side equal to that of 1932 to 1939," he said.
Asked whom he considered the most dangerous bowler in the country, Hutton answered: "Appleyard of Lancashire and, in a year or so, I hope, Trueman of Yorkshire."—Reuter.

Cockell Plans To Fight In March

London.
British Empire and European Cruiserweight Champion Don Cockell has commenced light training for his "come-back" fight, probably in March.

No definite opponent has yet been signed-up but it is understood that an approach is to be made to Jacques Bourabien, the new French Cruiserweight Champion.

Before renewing his claim to a world title fight with American Joey Maxim, Cockell is likely to seek a return with the American negro, Jim Slade, who caused him to retire in four rounds at Haringey in December.

STILL WAITING

Cockell is still waiting for a medical examination in hospital but until a bed becomes available he is to carry on light gymnasium work including skipping, shadow-boxing and sparring.

His manager, John Simpson, has given the lie to suggestions that Cockell may have to give up his titles because of increasing weight. He is hoping that doctors will be able to help Cockell with his problem but even if this is not possible he says that Cockell will be able to make 12 stone 7lbs. for championship fights.

(—London Express Service)

Peter Keenan Impresses

Johannesburg.
Peter Keenan, the British and European Bantamweight Boxing Champion, has impressed South African critics with his early training for the world title fight against Vic Towel, the South African holder, here on January 26.

Keenan has settled down to the routine despite altitude problems, which are likely to be mastered before the fight.

Keenan studied films of Towel's fights with Romero and Ortiz and expected to give the Champ the fight of his life with his elusive style.

Feeling fitter than ever before in his weight career, Keenan is so confident that he already thinks in terms of giving Towel a return visit in Scotland.—Reuter.

HKRA Rifle Shoot

The next practice shoot of the Hongkong Rifle Association will be held at the Kowloon Range on Sunday, January 20, at 9 a.m.
The shooting will be of 300 and 600 yards. Spoons are awarded to the best shooter in each class.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Second Race Meeting continues tomorrow afternoon with a programme of eight events, the main attraction being the Ascot Handicap for Class 1A Australian Ponies.

In a programme of eight races, half are over short distances and the results will depend to a great extent on the start. I would recommend a careful study of the draw for positions before placing your bets.

The First Selling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.
Here are my estimates of the chances.

FIRST RACE

Wolverhampton Handicap (First Section)—From 1-1/2 Mile Post.
The opening race of the day is a sprint event confined to Australian Ponies.
Among the starters we have two likely winners and they are Sparkling Eyes (Mr. Renfrew), 146 lbs., and The Kam Lung (Mr. Kwok), 159 lbs.

Sparkling Eyes has disappointed its backers at the last meeting by running third. It is at the moment galloping well during morning exercise and its chance of winning is really bright, especially with only 146 lbs. to carry.

I am rather inclined to believe, however, that in spite of the heavy burden The Kam Lung (proven) Mr. Kwok can get off to a good start and should be too good.

Glanville Butterfly (Mr. Chun Kit) can well win the Hung-hung Bay Handicap (Third Section) over six furlongs at the last meeting with Mr. Kwok up, but I cannot see it challenging for the first position; it will probably be placed.

M. Ostroumoff will have charge of Strathpeffer and this combination should be worth following as an outsider.

SECOND RACE

Newcastle Handicap (First Section)—From 1-1/4 Miles.
In this race for Novice Riders, Roue Dor (Mr. Yen Ching Lan) has a good opportunity of securing a win in view of its performance in the Hung-hung Bay Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs at the last meeting.

Iron Mask (Mr. H. H. Chan) is about the next best in this crowd and, although it can be placed at the last meeting, it has been showing improved form lately. It will give Roue Dor a keen fight to the end.

Crusherhouse (Mr. Auchinc) is improving in its track work during morning gallops and it will be a surprise to see it fighting out the finish.

Yacal (Mr. H. K. Cheng) and Bonnie Eyes (Mr. Wright) should also receive some consideration especially the latter, which is very lightly treated.

THIRD RACE

Ascot Handicap: From 1-1/2 Mile Post.
Expectations of a close and exciting finish should be fulfilled in this main event of the afternoon in which the following should be prominent:—Ben Wyvis (Mr. Kwok), Panda (Mr. Oliveira), Noreman (Mr. Poter-Hunt), Gold Medal (Mr. Ostroumoff) and Bashful Beauty (Mr. Samarcq).

Ben Wyvis after its brilliant win in the Baldoye Handicap over six furlongs at the 9th Race Meeting, has been penalised 7 lbs., which should not handicap its chances of winning again.

Panda lost to the above pony by 2-1/2 lengths and I expect it to make an effort to run away with the race. If not overhauled in good time, it may spring a surprise.

The shorter distance is also more to Noreman's liking. I think that it has a good chance of scoring a win.

Gold Medal is very fit just now and it can be relied on to give the others a good fight.

Bashful Beauty is the record holder over this distance. An upset from this combination is quite possible.

FOURTH RACE

Doncaster Handicap (First Section)—From 2 Miles Post.
First Section Australian Ponies Class 2 will figure in this event, and from the entries it appears that the likely winner will come from among Arabian Dagger (Mr. Renfrew), Hurricane (Mr. Samarcq), Ataman (Mr. Ostroumoff), and Ann Hing (Mr. Oliveira).

Arabian Dagger, winner of the New Year Handicap (Second Section)—1 1/4 Miles, at the

last meeting has been penalised by 14 lbs. Can it still win with this extra weight? I am inclined to believe that it can in view of the shorter distance.

It has to be remembered, however, that Hurricane is also in the race, as was third in the Ascot Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs, carrying 157 lbs. As the distance is more to its liking it should give Arabian Dagger a great fight for the honours.

Then there is Ataman to be reckoned with as it was fourth in the Ascot Handicap (First Section) with Mr. Auchinc up. As Ann Hing failed badly at the last meeting, it is not gaining a place but should do better over the distance.

FIFTH RACE

Wolverhampton Handicap (Second Section)—From 1-1/2 Mile Post.
This sprint race is for the second section of Class 6 Australian Ponies.
Mastery (Mr. Ostroumoff) has been given the same weight to carry for its second placing behind Mabel in the Clear Water Bay Handicap at the last meeting over six furlongs, whereas Thunder Sky (Mr. Renfrew), which was third in the Lyndhurst Handicap (First Section) over the two mile post, is carrying 4 lbs. more. These two are capable of winning, although the former is better over the short distance.

Queen Helen (Mr. Hsu), if given a good start, should be very near if it does not actually win.

Hurry On (Mr. S. W. Tang) is another speedster which can be relied on to do well here.

SIXTH RACE
Newcastle Handicap (Second Section)—1-1/4 Miles.
Looking over the entries for this race, the following should be prominent:—Eleanor (Mr. S. W. Lee), Geronimo (Mr. Coppin), Chief Witness (Mr. Oliveira) and Kwong Leung (Mr. Renfrew).

I do not think we need look further than Eleanor as the eventual winner. Eleanor has been properly tuned up for this event judging from its gallop over the mile on January 9 in 1.53.3 with a last quarter of 30.3 seconds, and I feel it will have a very good chance to win this race.

Geronimo has been whispered of as the "dark horse" in this race and, for those who are prepared to take the risk a bet each way may turn out to be profitable.

I also recommend Chief Witness for consideration as it is good enough to extend the above mentioned ponies.

Kwong Leung is dangerous in view of the fact that it will only be carrying 137 lbs.

SEVENTH RACE
Wolverhampton Handicap (Third Section)—From 1-1/2 Mile Post.
This is another sprint affair in which third section Australian Ponies Class 6 will figure. The two best ponies here for this distance are undoubtedly Bobel Town (Mr. Chun Kit) and Mabel (Mr. Oliveira).

Bobel Town, it will be recalled, led up to the entrance of the Public Stands in the Lyndhurst Handicap (Third Section) over the two mile post at the 12th Race Meeting when it was passed by the first three ponies and came in fourth. Judging from

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VICTORIANS SHOULD HOLD RECREIO ON SUNDAY

By "RECORDER"

The Victorians, now trailing fourth in the Ladies' Hockey League, meet the leaders, Recreio, at Sookunpoo on Sunday afternoon and are in a position to come away with both points.

The Gremlins may have lacked the defence to hold Recreio, but the Victorians have in Jet Borren and Doreen Handyside as excellent a half-back pair as any team could desire to hold the Recreio right wing of Stella Correa and Lily Danenberg.

The other wing of the Recreio attack is even more unlikely to shine against Ann Samarsby and Sylvia Franklin.

A break through by Stella Correa early in the game could win the match for Recreio by half-time the stamina-backed Victorian defence should be impregnable.

"BIG THREE"
To win the match the Victorians will have to depend largely on their inside trio of Claire Negus, Lillian Brandt and Joan Crighton. They will be without the additional thrust on the right wing of Ruby Scott, who is sailing for Home today by the RMS Canton.

If the Victorian half-back line moves into the attack, as it has done against some of the weaker teams in the League, it will be a gamble that will win or lose the game. "Frisky" Ferreira and Lily Danenberg have a talent for running around a too-far advanced half-back line.

Joan Crighton, with a team that could take both points from unbeaten Recreio, faces her biggest test as Victorians' skipper on Sunday.

Recreio's skipper, Doreen Ozorio, is well aware of the limitations of her team and will plan the game accordingly. It will be a battle between the strong right wing of the Recreio attack and the strong left flank of the Victorian defence and the decoder is likeliest to come through the middle.

Here the Victorians hold the advantage, but the Negus-Brandt-Crighton attack will be running into two strong backs, Elvie Tsok and Ena Roza Pereira, and the best goalkeeper in the League, Doreen Ozorio. The bully-off is at 2.30 p.m. Umpires are R. Souza and Cpl. Blowers.

For Recreio the two points at stake on Sunday will be very important. They have played their first round matches at home and will be away in the second round. Their return matches with Gremlins and School "A" on the faster Boundary Street ground will find the opposition at an advantage.

School "A" should have no great difficulty in accounting for

the Gremlins take on the Mighty Miles (School "B") and it is not inconceivable that the Potter-Kamering-Huang wing will run around them. Coach Palmer will not be pulling out the trump card in his remodelled defence against the Mighty Miles, but he has stacked enough cards against them not to worry about another off-day for his forwards.

On Sunday, Little Flowers meet Dorians at Boundary Street and it will probably be one or both points for the Dorians.

Thirteen Irish Entrants For Grand National

London.
Cottage Rake, thrice winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup, is one of the 13 Irish-trained entrants for the Grand National at Aintree on April 5.

He has never yet run over the Liverpool course but in this, his last year of racing, he is expected to tackle the severest test in a chaser's life.

He will also have another attempt at the Cheltenham Gold Cup one month earlier and should win again providing he does not break down.

UNIMPRESSIVE
Of the other Irish entrants, Derrinstown, third last year, Inter Alla and Tavoy, were unimpressive when they ran at Naas a fortnight ago. Inter Alla has the reputation of being a useful stayer, but he will not last beyond the first fence unless he improves his jumping at Aintree.

Nothing has so far been decided about Shagreen and Early Mist, both of which belonged to the late Mr. J. V. Rank. There is a rumour that these two good chasers will come up for sale. But trainer Tom Dreaper has not so far been able to confirm or deny this. In any case they are expected to be in the Grand National field.

Finally there is Royal Tan, second last year. He has won a hurdle race at Cheltenham and a flat race over two miles in Ireland. He is well and will be seen out over fences again shortly.

(—London Express Service)

Entries Wanted Urgently For HKAA Motor Rally

Hongkong Automobile Association members and those personnel of H.M. Forces who intend to enter the grand Automobile Rally being organised by the Association are requested to send in their Entry Forms as soon as possible.

The Chinese New Year holidays will interfere with the printing of the programmes and if these are to be ready in time, it is very important that all entries are in by the last day. The closing date is positively January 23.

Plans for the Rally are now ready and all the preliminary work completed.

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Spurs' Forward For Birmingham

London, Jan. 17.
Peter Murphy, the Tottenham Hotspur utility forward, signed for Birmingham City today and he is expected to be in their side at Doncaster on Saturday.

Murphy had already joined Birmingham and the terms were finally settled today. The fee is not yet known, but it is understood to be under £20,000.

Murphy, who signed for the Spurs in May, 1950, has played in several forward positions for them but was unable to gain a regular place in the first team.

Because of this he was granted a transfer earlier this month.—Reuter.

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